

month deadline for this Office Action because a three (3) month time limit is typical for actions on the merit. Examiner Patel indicated that the one (1) month was a mistake and that the timing should be three (3) months. Thus, Applicants have only requested and paid for a three month extension. If additional extensions of time are required, the Examiner is requested to consider this a request for the extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and the Examiner should charge the Deposit Account 08-0750 for any fees that are due.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 23; amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22; and add new Claims 24-30 as follows.

1. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger mounted to a vehicle body of a vehicle, the heat exchanger comprising:

beam-like brackets extending transversely across the vehicle, each beam-like bracket being formed with an assembling portion for assembling equipment other than the heat exchanger, the heat exchanger being mounted on the vehicle through the brackets;

wherein the heat exchanger acts as a reinforcing member for reinforcing the vehicle body when mounted on the vehicle.

3. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger mounted on a vehicle, the heat exchanger comprising

a plurality of tubes for passing a fluid therethrough,

header tanks arranged at longitudinal ends, respectively, of the plurality of tubes and communicating with the plurality of the tubes, and beam-like brackets mounted on said header tanks extending in a horizontal direction and being fixed to the vehicle.

4. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly mounted on a vehicle, the heat exchanger assembly comprising:

a first heat exchanger including a plurality of first tubes for passing a first fluid therethrough and first header tanks arranged at longitudinal ends, respectively, of the plurality of first tubes for communicating with the plurality of first tubes thereby to exchange heat between the air and the first fluid; and

a second heat exchanger including a plurality of second tubes for passing a second fluid therethrough and second header tanks arranged at longitudinal ends, respectively, of the plurality of second tubes for communicating with the plurality of second tubes thereby to exchange heat between the air and the second fluid;

wherein the first and second heat exchangers are arranged integrally in series with each other along the direction of air flow, and a beam-like bracket extending in a horizontal direction and fixed on the vehicle is coupled to or integrated with said first header tanks.

6. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 3, wherein said beam-like brackets are each formed with an assembling portion for assembling equipment other than the heat exchanger.

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7. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 4, wherein said beam-like bracket is formed with an assembling portion for assembling equipment other than the heat exchanger.

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9. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 3, wherein said beam-like brackets are each formed with an assembling portion for assembling a headlight.

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10. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 4, wherein said beam-like bracket is formed with an assembling portion for assembling a headlight.

12. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 6, wherein each of said beam-like brackets comprise two components, one formed with the assembling portion and the other not formed with the assembling portion.

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13. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 7, said beam-like bracket comprises two components, one formed with the assembling portion and the other not formed with the assembling portion.

15. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 12, wherein the two components and the assembling portion are integrated with each other.

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16. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 13, wherein the two components and the assembling portion are integrated with each other.

18. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 9, wherein in each of said beam-like brackets comprise two components, one formed with the assembling portion and the other not formed with the assembling portion.

19. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 10, said beam-like bracket comprises two components, one formed with the assembling portion and the other not formed with the assembling portion.

21. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 18, wherein the two components and the assembling portions are integrated with each other.

22. (AMENDED) A heat exchanger assembly as described in Claim 19, wherein the two components and the assembling portions are integrated with each other.

24. (NEW) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 1, wherein a hood lock for locking a hood is secured to said heat exchanger.

Sub 25. (NEW) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 1, wherein said beam-like brackets are fixed to side members of the vehicle body.

26. (NEW) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 25, wherein said beam-like brackets are fixed to a front side of said side members of the vehicle body.

27. (NEW) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 1, wherein said beam-like brackets comprise a first portion extending transversely across the vehicle and a second portion extending in an up and down direction.

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28. (NEW) A heat exchanger as described in Claim 3, wherein said header tanks of said heat exchanger extend in an up and down direction.

29. (NEW) A heat exchanger mounted to a vehicle body of a vehicle, the heat exchanger comprising:

beam-like brackets extending transversely across the vehicle, each beam-like bracket being formed with an assembling portion for assembling equipment other than the heat exchanger, said beam-like brackets being fixed to side members of the vehicle body;

wherein the heat exchanger is mounted on the vehicle through the beam-like brackets and the heat exchanger constitutes a strength member of the vehicle.